

Information Services Board Briefing Paper on the Strategic Policy Role and Proposed Committee Structure

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Description

ISB staff proposes adding a committee to the Board. The new Enterprise Strategy Committee would include two advisory groups and an Enterprise Architecture Subcommittee. The recommended roles are as follows:

1. A New Enterprise Strategy Committee

Role: The Enterprise Strategy Committee would effectively support the Board through:

- Development of recommendations on policy, standards, and other topics;
- Management of operational and tactical functions; and
- Development and management of a process to identify strategic technology opportunities and initiatives.

The Committee would include:

- Two advisory groups from local government and the private business sector that would provide information, facts, ideas, and insights to the Enterprise Strategy Committee.
- A new Enterprise Architecture Subcommittee to assist the Board by:
 - Directing the Enterprise Architecture processes and initiatives,
 - Aligning technology with the state's business objectives,
 - Ensuring technology resources are used effectively, and
 - Overseeing the Enterprise Architecture Program so its related risks are managed appropriately.

Benefits

The revised committee structure:

- Provides broader participation in the development of technology standards and policy recommendations
- Increases Board focus on technology strategy and the state as an enterprise.
- Increases the effectiveness of the Board to meet legislative requirements.
- Builds a sustainable committee structure to support decision-making by the Board.
- Provides a clear governance structure for enterprise architecture and other strategic technology decisions affecting agencies of Washington State government.
- Enables local governments and private businesses to provide ideas and advice to the Board.
- Provides additional opportunity for the Board to advise DIS in the following:
 - a. State Strategic Technology Plan,
 - b. Biennial Agencies Performance Report,
 - c. Enterprise Architecture.

Recommendation

Recommend the Board approve the establishment of the proposed Enterprise Strategy Committee and the Enterprise Architecture Subcommittee; including their respective goals and by laws.